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By: **Delegates Morhaim and Moe**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation - Home Inspectors - Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an individual to register with the Department of Labor,
4 Licensing, and Regulation before the individual may engage in the business of
5 performing home inspections in the State; requiring a home inspector to provide
6 certain information to the Department; requiring the Department to maintain a
7 list of registered home inspectors; authorizing the Department to release the list
8 to the public; defining certain terms; and generally relating to requiring the
9 registration of home inspectors with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and
10 Regulation.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Business Regulation

13 Section 9B-101 through 9B-104, inclusive, to be under the new title "Title 9B.

14 Home Inspectors"

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Business Regulation**

20 **TITLE 9B. HOME INSPECTORS.**

21 9B-101.

22 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

23 (B) "HOME INSPECTION" MEANS A WRITTEN EVALUATION OF ONE OR MORE
24 OF THE COMPONENTS OF AN EXISTING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, INCLUDING THE
25 HEATING SYSTEM, COOLING SYSTEM, PLUMBING SYSTEM, ELECTRICAL SYSTEM,
26 STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS, FOUNDATION, ROOF, MASONRY STRUCTURE, EXTERIOR
27 AND INTERIOR COMPONENTS, OR ANY OTHER RELATED RESIDENTIAL HOUSING
28 COMPONENT.

1 (C) "HOME INSPECTOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ENGAGES IN THE
2 BUSINESS OF PERFORMING HOME INSPECTIONS FOR COMPENSATION.

3 9B-102.

4 AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE REGISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE
5 INDIVIDUAL MAY ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF PERFORMING HOME INSPECTIONS
6 FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE.

7 9B-103.

8 (A) AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION AS A HOME INSPECTOR SHALL:

9 (1) SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE APPLICANT'S NAME, BUSINESS
10 ADDRESS, AND BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER; AND

11 (2) PAY TO THE DEPARTMENT A REGISTRATION FEE SET BY THE
12 DEPARTMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$10.

13 (B) EACH REGISTERED HOME INSPECTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT
14 OF ANY CHANGES TO THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF
15 THIS SECTION.

16 9B-104.

17 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF THE NAMES AND
18 BUSINESS ADDRESSES OF ALL HOME INSPECTORS REGISTERED UNDER THIS TITLE.

19 (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY RELEASE THE LIST OF REGISTERED HOME
20 INSPECTORS TO THE PUBLIC.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2001.